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PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No.: 11502/33

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Blatter

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For: STAPLE AND ANVIL ANASTOMOSIS SYSTEM

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.**Remarks** begin on page 22 of this paper.

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